Law Ministers met in February, 1993 and recommended that the Chief Justice Conference, in consultation with the Bar Council of India, could consider constituting a committee consisting of lawyers and judges at the appropriate level for dealing with the underlying causes for lawyers' strikes and for evolving appropriate guidelines for preventing indiscriminate closure of courts. It is proposed to take follow-up action on this recommendation.

Fire in the Narora Atomic Power Station

*64. SHRI SOM PAL :

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a fire broke out on March 31, 1993 in the turbine building of the Narora Atomic Power Station;

(b) if so, what was the cause of the fire;

(c) the extent of damage caused to the plant; and

(d) whether Government have made any enquiry in this regard; and if so, with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(c) There has been considerable damage to the turbine generator of Unit-I which was purchased at a cost of Rs. 25 crores. There has been, however, no impact on the nuclear reactor. There was neither any injury nor any danger of radiation to any of the plant personnel or to the public on account of the incident.

(b) and (d) The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Director Reactor Group, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre to investigate, among other things, the cause of the incident and to suggest measures to prevent recurrence of such incidence. The Nuclear Power Corporation has also constituted a Committee to enquire into the incident and to assess the extent of damage. The reports are expected in May '93.

Comprehence Poverty Removal Programme

*68. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any comprehensive poverty removal programme on the lines of the earlier 20-point programme has been evolved as a part of the planned liberalisation of economy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the targets contemplated to be achieved thereunder during the Eighth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c) The poverty removal programme consists mainly of self-employment programme called the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and the wage employment programme called the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY). These will continue in the Eighth Plan on an expanded basis. Central outlay for rural development has been stepped up to Rs. 30,000 crores in the Eighth Five Year Plan in order to speed up efforts for poverty alleviation in the context of